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SUMMARY: WHEN PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE PRESENTS ALGERIAN POSITION AT SPECIAL SESSION UNGA HE CAN BE EXPECTED TO MAKE FORCEFUL DENUNCIATION OF WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM ON BEHALF OF NON-ALIGNED AND TRY TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM HIGH OIL PRICES. THERE IS ALSO POSSIBILITY HE WILL SEEK CONFRONTATION WITH WASHTINGTON ENERGY GROUP. ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT EXPECT TO CHANGE BASIC ALGERIAN POSITION, WE BELIEVE OUR CONTINUED ASSURANCES THAT USG AND WASHINGTON GROUP DO NOT SEEK CONFRONTATION MAY HELP ATTENUATE ALGERIAN RHETORIC AND MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR THEM MAKE WASHINGTON GROUP MAJOR TARGET FOR THEIR GRIEVANCES.
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1. POINTS MADE BY AMBASSADOR SCALI AT LUNCHEON MEETING
WITH ALGERIAN UN AMBASSADOR RAHAL (REFTEL) ARE SIMILAR
TO THOSE WE HAVE MADE WITH OUR ALGERIAN CONTACTS.
AT SAME TIME WE HAVE GAINED IMPRESSION THAT ALGERIANS
MAY, WHATEVER THEY SAY TO CONTRARY, SEEK AT SPECIAL
GA SESSION A CONFRONTATION WITH INDUSTRIAL NATIONS
AND PARTICULARLY WITH PARTICIPANTS IN WASHINGTON ENERGY
CONFERENCE.

2. EXAMPLE OF HIGHEST LEVEL ALGERIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD
WASHINGTON CONFERENCE WAS PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE'S
SPEECH IN PEKING FEBRUARY 26 WHERE HE SAID: "ATTEMPT
MADE IN WASINGTON TO ESTABLISH A CARTEL TO CONTROL
SOURCES OF ENERGY AND, BEFORE LONG, RAW MATERIALS OF
COUNTRIES OF THIRD WORLD CANNOT BUT LEAD TO EXACERBATING
CONTRADICTIONS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES."

3. WE HAVE TRIED TO GET MESSAGE THROUGH HERE THAT
WASHINGTON CONFERENCE DID NOT CREATE MONSTER DEPICTED
BY ALGERIANS. AT THIS POINT IT IS HARD TO KNOW TO
WHAT EXTENT ALGERIAN LEADERSHIP TAKES SERIOUSLY ITS
OWN RETORIC, BUT WHATEVER THEY SAY THEIR ESSENTIAL
CONCERN IS TWO-FOLD: (A) THAT MAJOR CONSUMERS WILL
SOMEHOW IMPOSE LOWER PRICES ON PRODUCERS, AND (B) THAT
MAJOR CONSUMERS WILL TURN POOR COUNTRIES OF THIRD WORLD
AGAINST ARAB PRODUCERS.

4. ALGERIAN PREPARATIONS FOR SPECIAL UNGA SESSION ARE
BEING MADE BY A COMMITTEE NOW MEETING DAILY IN A
VILLA IN ALGIERS. AMONG PARTICIPANTS ARE ABERKANE AND
OULD ROUIS OF FOREIGN MINISTRY AND OCCASIONALLY MINISTER
OF INDUSTRY ABDESSELAM. WHEN BRITISH AMBASSADOR MADE
FAREWELL CALL ON ABDESSELAM SEVERAL DAYS AGO HE FOUND
ALGERIAN MINISTER IN COMBATIVE MOOD OVER WASHINGTON
CONFERENCE, AND GOT IMPRESSION ALGERIANS WERE LOOKING
FOR A CONFRONTATION WITH WASHINGTON GROUP POSSIBLY
AS A TACTIC TO KEEP NON-ALIGNED STATES UNITED. OTHERS
WHO HAVE RECENTLY SEEN ABDESSELAM HAVE FOUND HIM LESS
MILITANT. FURTHERMORE WE UNDERSTAND HE WAS FAVORABLY
IMPRESSED WITH HIS RECENT VISIT TO U.S. AND LOOKS
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TOWARD INCREASED COLLABORATION WITH U.S. INDUSTRY,
FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY. WE HAVE EXPRESSED TO SEVERAL
ALGERIAN CONTACTS, INCLUDING CHERIF GUELLAL WHO IS
NOW IN ALGIERS AND IN TOUCH WITH ABDESSELAM, OUR
CONCERN THAT ALGERIA'S RHETORIC AT SPECIAL UNGA SESSION
MIGHT PREJUDICE IMPROVING BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN
TWO COUNTRIES.

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5. PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE WILL BE DELIVERING MAJOR SPEECH AT UNGA WHERE HE WILL FOR FIRST TIME BE VISITING A WESTERN COUNTRY. DURING PLANNING FOR HIS VISIT TO UNGA BEFORE OCTOBER WAR ALGERIANS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN BILATERAL CONTACTS AFTER COMPLETION OF BOUMEDIENE'S DUTIES AS SPOKESMAN FOR NON-ALIGNED WORLD. WE DO NOT HAVE CURRENT READING ON HIS INTENTIONS BUT EXPECT TO HEAR SOMETHING AFTER HIS RETURN FROM FAR EAST NEXT WEEK.

6. I BELIEVE AT SOME POINT BEFORE UNGA SESSION APRIL 9 IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR US TO GET MESSAGE TO BOUMEDIENE, THROUGH DIRECT OR INDIRECT CHANNELS, SETTING FORTH IN GENERAL TERMS OUR DESIRE TO AVOID CONFRONTATION AND WORK TOWARD POSITIVE OUTCOME IN UNGA. WHILE THIS WOULD NOT CHANGE WELL-KNOWN ALGERIAN VIEWS ON NEED TO MODIFY WORLD ECONOMIC STRUCTURE IT MIGHT TAKE SOME OF STEAM OUT OF CONFRONTATION AND IMPROVE PROSPECTS THAT BOUMEDIENE'S VISIT WILL HAVE A POSITIVE EFFECT ON U.S. ALGERIAN RELATIONS.
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